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GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS PS-#1173 BIOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR THE LOS OSOS WASTEWATER PROJECT

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Q: With regard to the monitoring services for the Los Osos Wastewater Project, I understand that the County's in-house biological monitors will be performing much of the monitoring and that the firm chosen will be on-call to augment the County monitors when needed. For the Morro shoulderband snail (MSS) monitoring the RFQ states that it is important that a firm be able to field a sufficient number of biologists who are permitted to survey for and handle the species. Since there are three County biologists with MSS permits and it sounds like monitors will move around to cover multiple headings each day, what are you looking for as a sufficient number of permitted MSS biologists at a firm?

A: The County anticipates that there will be several large survey and relocation efforts that would require a number of permitted snail biologists. For example, the Broderson leach field site (8 acres) has a dense population of snails. The Midtown site is 12 acres of habitat. We believe that at least one to three more biologists who can relocate snails will help us clear these large sites quickly and thoroughly. We are also looking for redundancy in snail biologists as our own staff each manage several other projects and may not be available on any given day. Firms who have other staff who are experienced with the shoulderband snail and who could become permitted over the first year of the multi-year project should also be highlighted in your SOQ.